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REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 13, 15, 17, and 22-25 are pending in this present application. All pending claims stand rejected as of the mailing date of the February 24, 2011 Advisory Action. In the February 24, 2011 Advisory Action, the Examiner:

1. Rejected claims 13, 15, 17 and 22-25 because the Examiner believes that *Maruyama et al.* (a translated copy of Japanese document JP 10-281782 A) teaches the limitation of identifying a meeting point based on current positions and destination of both users.

Applicant has amended claims 13 and 22 to place the claims in better form for allowance. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

II. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 13, 15, 17, AND 22-25

Independent claims 13 and 22 and their dependent claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ohler et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,910 "*Ohler*") in view of *Saiki* (U.S. Patent No. 7,058,507), *Zuber et al.* (U.S. Patent Application No. U.S. 2002/0077746 "*Zuber*") and *Maruyama et al.* (a translated copy of Japanese document JP 10-281782 A "*Maruyama*"). In particular, the Examiner believes that *Maruyama* teaches the limitation of identifying a meeting point based on current positions and destination of both users.

Applicant has amended claims 13 and 22 to place them into better form and now believes that the claims are in condition for allowance. Application respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner rejection of claims 13 and 22 for at least the following reasons.

First, claim 13, as amended, requires that the positions of the first and second mobile units be automatically updated by the calculation unit without requiring any user interaction, and the actual rendezvous position may be changed according to the updated positions of the first and second mobile units. (See Application, paragraph [0062]). These features are neither taught nor suggested in *Maruyama*. Instead, in *Maruyama* the waiting point is determined from two set departure or starting points and a set destination point.

In addition, claim 13 requires that the destination of the first mobile navigation device be different than the destination of the second mobile navigation device. To the contrary,

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Maruyama addresses a way for two users to get to a common destination point from two different departure points, much like *Ohler*. While *Maruyama* has a mechanism to detect where the route from the first departure point to the common destination point joins the route from the second departure point to the common destination point, it does not seem to address a need to locate a desirable rendezvous point for a first user and a second user that have different destinations after the rendezvous. The Examiner argues in the Advisory Action that *Maruyama* teaches "identifying a meeting point based on current positions and destinations of both users," but the Examiner does not point to any part of the *Maruyama* reference that suggests that the destination of the users are not common.

For these reasons, Applicant believes that amended claim 13 overcomes the Examiner's rejection based on the *Maruyama* reference.

Because claim 22, as amended, includes the limitations discussed above, Applicant believes that amended claim 22 also overcomes the Examiner's rejection based on the *Maruyama* reference.

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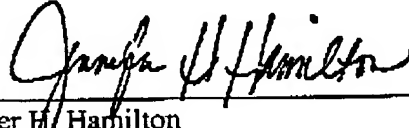
CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2542.

Respectfully submitted,

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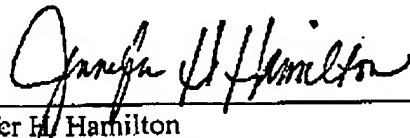
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